

# House File 671 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 484)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting remote control or internet hunting of wild  
2 animals and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 2421HV 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.125A REMOTE CONTROL OR  
1 2 INTERNET HUNTING == CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES.  
1 3 1. As used in this section, "remote control or internet  
1 4 hunting" means use of a computer or other electronic device,  
1 5 equipment, or software to remotely control the aiming or  
1 6 discharge of a firearm or other weapon, allowing a person who  
1 7 is not physically present to take a wild animal.  
1 8 2. A person shall not offer for sale, take, or assist in  
1 9 the taking of a wild animal by remote control or internet  
1 10 hunting.  
1 11 3. A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
1 12 serious misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation of this  
1 13 section is punishable as a class "D" felony.  
1 14 4. In addition, any person who violates this section is  
1 15 subject to a civil penalty, which may be levied by the  
1 16 department, of not more than ten thousand dollars for each  
1 17 violation of this section. The moneys collected from  
1 18 imposition of a civil penalty shall be deposited in the state  
1 19 fish and game protection fund.

### EXPLANATION

1 21 This bill prohibits offering for sale, taking, or assisting  
1 22 in taking a wild animal by use of remote control or internet  
1 23 hunting. For the purposes of the bill, "remote control or  
1 24 internet hunting" means use of a computer or other electronic  
1 25 device, equipment, or software to remotely control the aiming  
1 26 or discharge of a firearm or other weapon, allowing a person  
1 27 who is not physically present to take a wild animal.  
1 28 A person who violates the provisions of the bill is guilty  
1 29 of a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is punishable  
1 30 by confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at  
1 31 least \$315 but not more than \$1,875.  
1 32 A second or subsequent violation of the bill is punishable  
1 33 as a class "D" felony. A class "D" felony is punishable by  
1 34 confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least  
1 35 \$750 but not more than \$7,500.  
2 1 In addition, any person who violates the provisions of the  
2 2 bill is subject to a civil penalty, which may be levied by the  
2 3 department of natural resources, of not more than \$10,000 for  
2 4 each violation. Moneys collected from imposition of a civil  
2 5 penalty shall be deposited in the state fish and game  
2 6 protection fund.  
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